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INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 3438

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR LOURENCO MARQUES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 598 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL ADVISES THAT SECURITY SITUATION IN LM HAS NOT YET SERIOUSLY DETERIORATED. HOWEVER, SINCE IT COULD DO SO RAPIDLY, IT IS ONLY PRUDENT TO HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIVE SECURITY EQUIPMENT ON HAND.

2. LM CURRENTLY HAS NO WEAPONS ON HAND. THE CONGEN CURRENTLY HAS THREE OFFICERS AND TWO STAFF EMPLOYEES AND ANTICIPATES THE ASSIGNMENT OF THREE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

3. POST REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING PROTECTIVE SECURITY EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED ASAP: TWO RPT TWO CAL. .38 REVOLVERS WITH MODEST AMOUNT OF AMMO. (RSO HAS ON HAND 100 ROUNDS OF CAL. .38 AMMO AND 30 ROUNDS OF 12 GAUGE AMMO, WHICH WERE IN EXCESS OF NEEDS FOR LUANDA AND HELD BY RSO FOR LM.) POST ALSO REQUESTS REPLACEMENT OF 14 TEAR GAS CANNISTERS AS MODELS ON HAND ARE OLD AND POSSIBLY UNUSABLE. POST FURTHER DESIRES SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF TEAR GAS PENS WITH REPLACEMENT CARTRIDGES TO SUPPLY ALL STAFF MEMBERS. POST HAS THREE GAS MASKS ON HAND.

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4. RSO WILL ADVISE MR. HERSE TO VISIT LM AS FIRST ITEM OF

BUSINESS AND DISCUSS FURTHER NEEDS OF LM FOR PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT.
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